

Project Team

- Montana Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration
- City of Sidney
- Richland County
- HKM Engineering

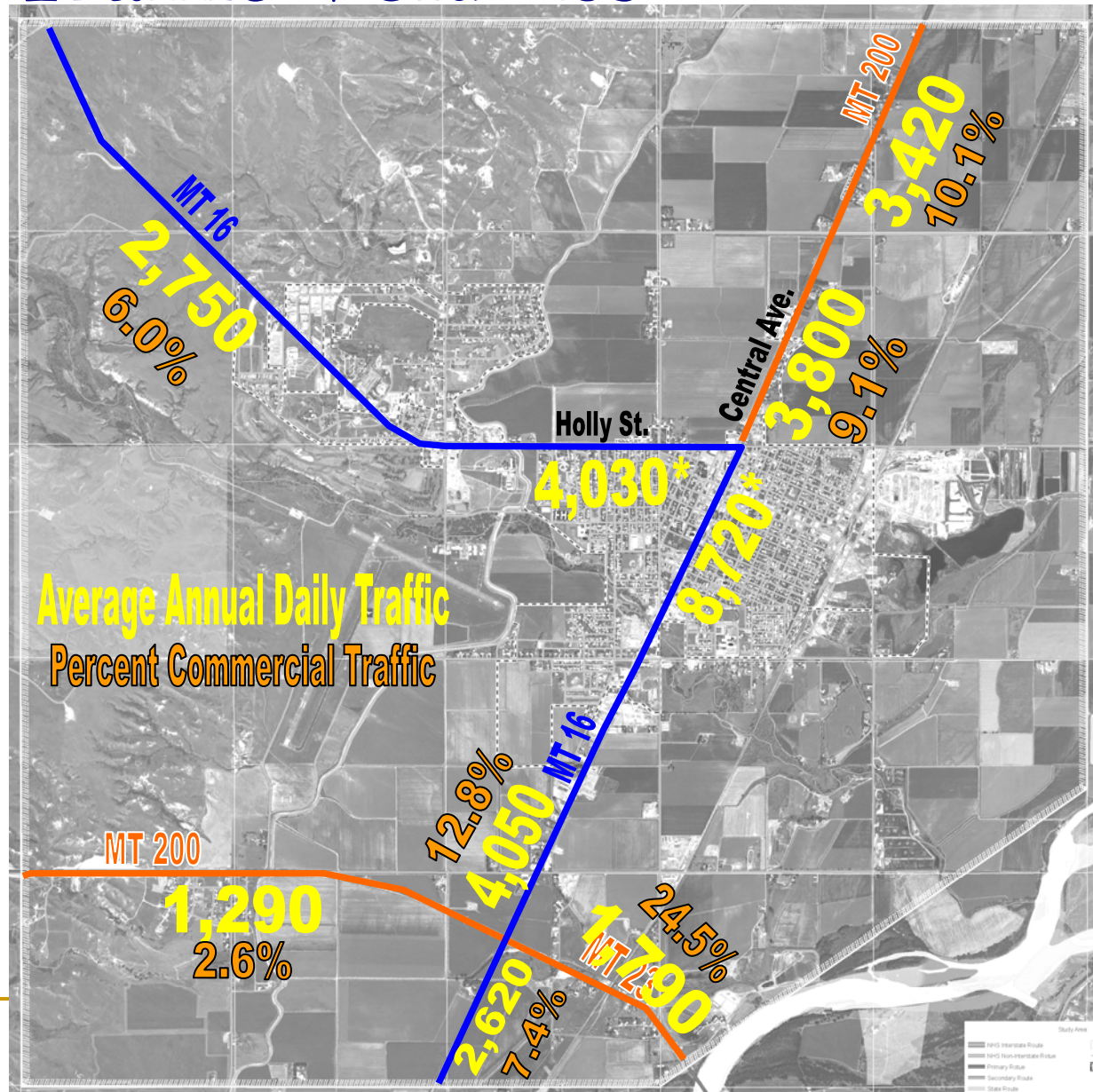
Project Development Process



Project History

- West and East Bypass proposed in 1983 County Transportation Plan as two-lane, minor arterials
- City officials contacted the state late last year to initiate a bypass study

2006 Traffic Volumes

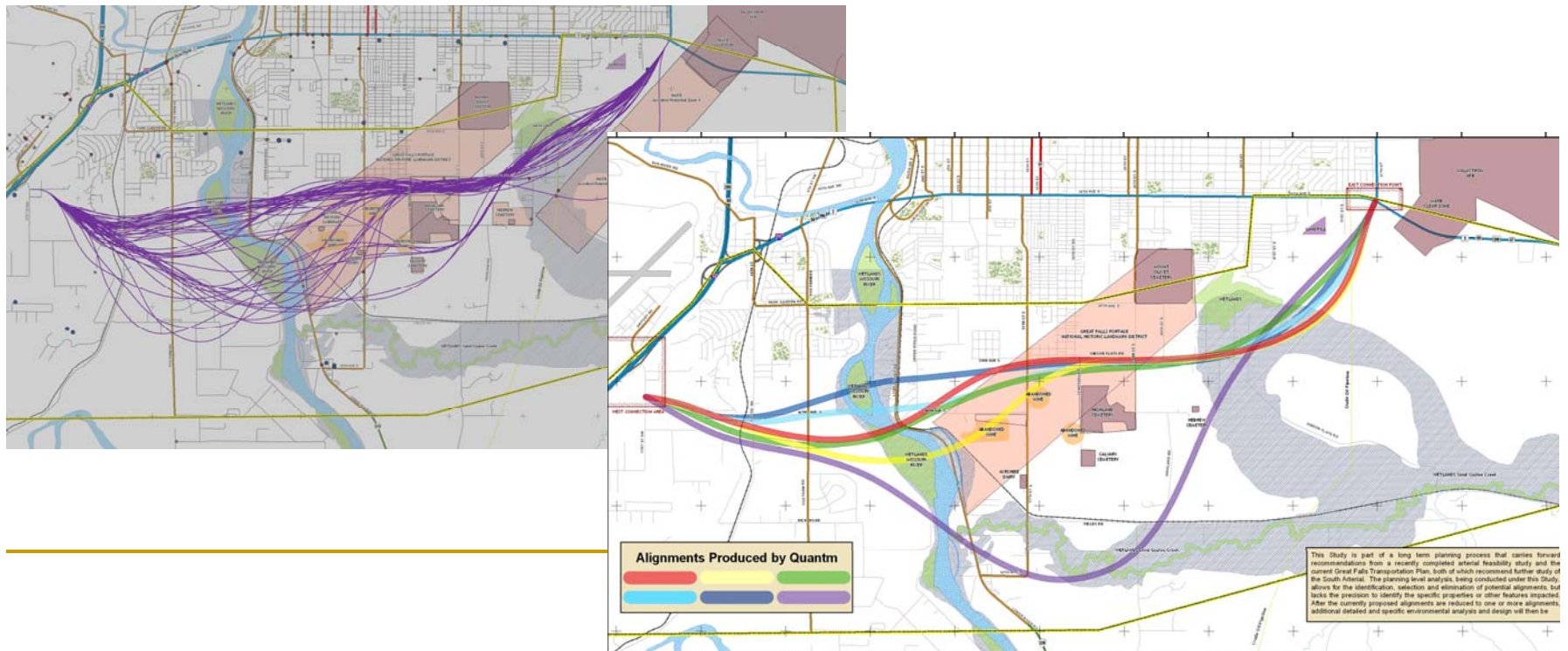


Purpose of the Bypass Study

- To assess the need for a bypass
 - To gauge the level of public support for a bypass
 - To identify potential corridors for a bypass
 - To inform decisions on pending Central Avenue improvements
 - To generate conceptual cost estimates
 - To explore private/local/state/federal funding mechanisms and financial feasibility of a bypass route
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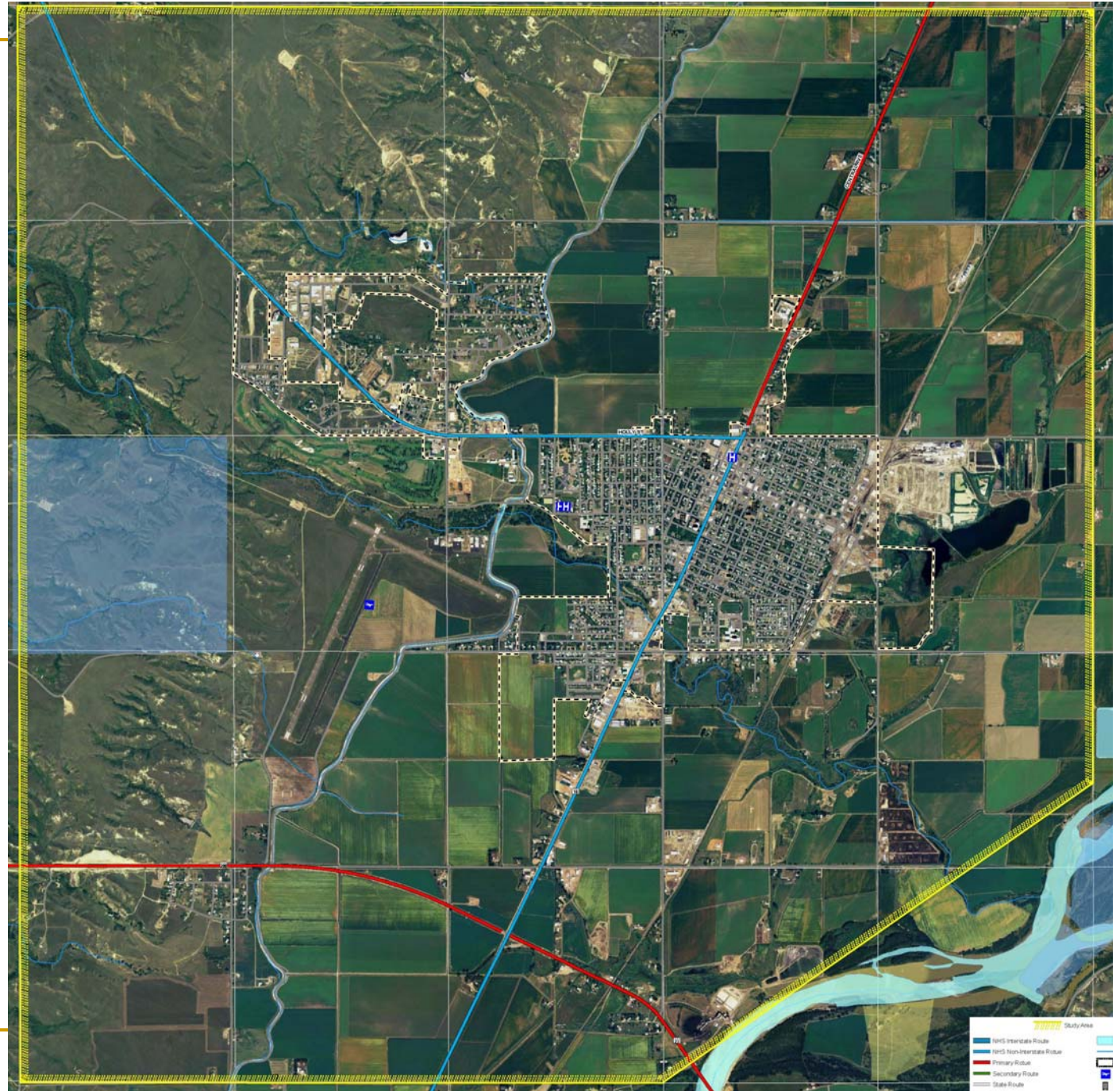
Quantm

- New corridor and route alignment planning tool
- Successfully used in other areas of the country, and on other MDT projects



Proposed Kidney Bypass Study Area

Corridor Constraints



Known Constraints

- Parks
- BOR canal
- Airport
- Golf Course
- High School
- Developed residential areas
- Wetlands
- Floodplains
- Hazardous materials
- Public water supplies
- Oil wells / pumping stations
- Topography

What are your major issues and concerns?

- Is a bypass route around Sidney needed?
- What are the primary transportation needs for the by-pass?
- What are the travel concerns?
- Are the travel concerns seasonal?
- What are the most logical termini?
- What are some major opportunities and constraints?

What goals and objectives should be used to evaluate alignment options?

Examples may include:

- Optimize operations of existing roadway network
- Minimize cost
- Minimize impacts
- Avoid environmentally sensitive areas

Next Steps

- Establish Stakeholders Group
- Assessment of existing conditions and future development
- Corridor Modeling - Quantm
- 2nd Public Meeting to discuss corridor options and screening process
- 3rd Public Meeting to present study results

Further Opportunities for Involvement

- Website –
www.mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/sidneybypass/
- Comment Sheets
- Press Releases
- Contacts:

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